A MEMORIAL BETWEEN JEST and EARNEST,

From IGNORAMUS the First, Relating to the Past and Present STATE of the NATION.

Presented to all the Honest Ignoramusses of the Lords and Commons of

ENGLAND.

Fear God, and Keep his Commandments; and Love your Neighbour as your Self; and this is the whole Duty of Man.

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I *would not have any honest Gentleman, whether Spiritual or Temporal, to take any Offence at the* Reflections *in the following* Memorial; *this being designed only to Mark out* Knaves; *and for them, let them fret in their Greece. This* Memorial *also is not made to please* Flattering Courtiers, Evil Councellers, Evil Lawyers *or* Gospellers, *or any Philosophical* Critticks *in Learning; but is made for the service of the* Plain-Hearted *and* Truly Honest Man; *it is Printed for his Sake; hoping he may receive some Good and Benefit by it; which if he do, the Author hath his Hearts desire: And hereby gives Notice, that what further Information shall be given him for his next* Memorial *against perticular Persons and Things, he desires his Friends not to send them by Post, for he will not receive them that way, or give any Credit to them; but desires they may be sent by some perticular Hand, or by long Sea; and to give it under their Hand, that they may Justify the several Charges, if Required thereto.*

To all the Honest LORDS and COMMONS of ENGLAND.

GEntlemen, the great God, by his Wonderful Providence, hath brought about such a Revolution in *England*, as doubtless no History can parrallel, unless that in Sacred Writ, of delivering the *Children* of *Israel* out of *Egypt*; and this, I think, is little Inferiour to that, if we consider it in all its circumstances: And now, Gentlemen, having a *King* after our own Hearts, one that is as Truly and Rightfully our *King* as ever was in *England*, I know not what can be more clearly Demonstrated, unless God had sent us one immediately from Heaven it self, and said from thence, by a loud Voyce, *You Good Men of* England, *this Man I have sent down to be your* King: We have the Voyce that is next unto this, that is, *Vox Populi*. The Voyce of the People, and that by a common saying is *Vox Dei*, the Voice of God: And you Gentlemen, the Good People of *England*, have engaged this our *King* upon as Good and Glorious a Work as ever by a Man was undertaken; that is, to pull down the Great *French Bear*, that *most Christian Turk*, the Great Tyrant of the Earth, and Hater of Mankind; you have promised to this our Good *King*, to stand by him with your Lives and Fortunes; and he in order to facilitate this Great and Good Work, hath engaged potent Allyes both by Sea and Land to help you; and now things stand in so fair a way, and you have laid your Hand to the Plough, look not back; for not only our *King*'s Honour, but Yours, and all that is dear to you is Engaged to go on; and leave not off until by Gods help you have finished the Work; it is a solid, great and good Work; and [illegible] lesting

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ing Buſineſs; therefore it concerns you Highly, Faithfully and Dilligently, without loſs of any more time Heartily to aſſiſt the *King* in this Buſineſs; and your Aſſiſtance muſt be a threefold Aſſiſtance: The *Firſt*, with *Advice*; the *Second*, with *Money*; and the *Third* with *Men*, if either of theſe in their place and time is wanting, you cannot expect to have the Work done. All Men agree, that *Money* is the Sinnews of *War*, and *Men* the *Fleſh* and *Bones* to theſe Sinnews; but it is *good Advice* that is the *Blood* & *Brains*; that makes theſe *Sinnews*, *Fleſh* and *Bones* to move regularly; therefore ſays the Wiſe man, *With good Advice make War*; and when once begun, I am ſure *Good Advice* is abſolutely neceſſary to carry it on: therefore I ſay, Adviſe the *King* what Men to chuſe as moſt fit to be uſed in all *Places* and *Offices*, both *Civil* and *Military*; its not beneath the *King* in this Great and Weighty Affair to take your Advice, as believing him to be a Wiſe-man; and the wiſeſt of Kings has ſaid, *In the multitude of Councellors there is ſafety*; you have ſeen the falſe ſteps that have been already taken, and what Loſs and Dammage, beſides Diſgrace, that has been thereby; and who have been the Adviſers therein, not only in the never to be forgotten miſcarriage in the Fleet laſt Year, but thoſe before in *Yrland* and *England* it ſelf, and elſe where; I ſay, it is your duty to Adviſe the taking in of Faithful Labourers into this Harveſt, Men of approved Honour, Courage, Honeſty and Integrity; the *King* will ſtand in need of the help of all the Hands and Hearts of his Good Subjects in this Work, here will be Work for all the Dogs to Bait this Bear. 'Tis not all the *God Dammy-Dogs* in *England* that will take this *French Bear* by the Noſe and pull him down; no, it muſt be all the Dogs together whether *Epiſcopal*, *Presbyterian*, *Independant*, *Anabaptiſt*, *Quietiſt* and *Janſeniſt*; all ſorts muſt have a Hand in this Work; yea, *Papiſts* themſelves, all but that one ſort of *Jeſuited Papiſts*, and thoſe are the firſt Friends of this great *French Tyrant*, and will betray all to him where ever they are Intruſted; therefore if any ſuch be in *England*, in any diſguiſe, they are not to be Truſted, but a watchful Eye ought to be upon them. A *Second* Sort, not to be Employed nor Truſted, are thoſe that have been the *Betrayers of the Nation* under the late Reigns, thoſe that in former Reigns had brought the Nations almoſt to *Deaths Door*, are the Men that would make the Cure and Recovery of them as Tedious and as Chargeable as they can, that ſo the Nations might never have time to call them to a Reckoning: I will never chuſe him to be my Doctor, that has once endeavoured to Poyſon me: I will never put him in a great Poſt to help pull down *France*, that has been a chief Inſtrument to raiſe him up to his Greatneſs; that has been a *Penſioner* to *France*, and made his own Fortunes by Betraying the Nations to him, as far as was in his Power. I hope, Gentlemen, amongſt the *Honeſt Lords* and *Commons* of *England*, there is not ſuch a Barrenneſs among you, but that a Number ſufficient may be found out as may be able with the *King* to carry on this great Work with Courage and Conduct; ſuch as have been Faithful to the Nations Intereſt under the late Reigns, and ſtill are; It is the Perſons and Purſes of the *Honeſt Lords* and *Commons* with the *King*, with God's help, that muſt do this Work; and if any be wanting in Faithfulneſs in this Work, I know what will ſoon follow; that is, you will become *Vaſſals and Peaſants to France*, which then to be, is better to be out of the World; for matters are now ſo Conſtituted, there is no medium: Have a care of taking any more falſe ſteps, leſt you tumble down, and the *Bear* ketch you in his *Teeth*; if he does, he will Tear you to pieces, without mercy; for he knows none; and then, as we have an *Engliſh* Proverb, *Inſtead of ketching a Tarter, a Tarter has caught you*; which God prevent. Your Neighbours will be ſoon weary in helping you, if you play any more foul play with them, and will not take right meaſures to help your ſelves; and if it be Work enough for you altogether, I doubt you will find it too hard a Task for your ſelves alone, if they be juſtly provoked to leave you to his Rage; for the *Bear* would willingly give them Honourable Terms, ſo that they would but leave you alone, to be under his Paws; therefore ſhew your ſelves Wiſe and Honeſt Men whilſt you have ſo good Neighbours to help you: In order therefore to the ſpeedy carrying on this Great and Good Work, lay a good Foundation, clear away all the *Rubbiſh*, begin firſt amongſt your ſelves, ſee your own Houſe firſt ſwept and cleanſed; from all Filth of Duſt and Rubbiſh, and cleanſed from Cobwebs and Spiders, and other Vermin: chuſe ſuch to Repreſent you that are Men of *Honour*, *Vertue*, *Courage*, *Wiſdom* and *Honeſty*; and not by the *Great Eſtate*, the *Great Titles*, the *fine Laced Coats*, the *fine ſmoothed Tongues*, who only can make thereby fine Speeches, to make the better Bargains for themſelves by making Markets of you. Chuſe none to Repreſent you that are of little narrow Souls, Self-deſigning and Self-ſeeking Fellows, that will Sell you to the *French King* for a Place or Penſion; Let none Repreſent you that have had either: Sell not your *Birth-Right* for a *Meſs of Pottage*; Sell not your *Liberty* for *Strong-Beer* and ROST BEEF: Let not the *Black-Gown* of *Lawyer* or *Goſpeller* be Conſulted by you, in your choice; but if they will make a Noyſe for this or the other, unleſs you know them well in your own Judgment to be Honeſt Men; be you ſure otherwiſe to go contrary to them; for thoſe two ſorts are ſeldom in the right, if they are, its for the moſt part againſt their Wills: without you make a good Choice your ſelves, and cleanſe your own Houſe of the Duſt and Rubbiſh, you cannot expect to perſwade the other Houſe to cleanſe theirs.

We have now a *King* that is Hearty with us in this Great and Good Work, not only to help pull down the Great *Tyrant of France*, but alſo is deſirous to have us well Eſtabliſhed at Home, upon a *Good*, *Honeſt* and *juſt Foundation*; I mean, our *Antient* and *juſt Rights* and *Priviledges* and I am ſure, no Honeſt

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English Man deſires more; and therefore let us be Hearty and Honeſt to the *King* in ſticking cloſe to him to help, that both theſe Great and Neceſſary Works may be both finiſhed in His Time: In order to it, pull down thoſe amongſt your ſelves that ſtand in the Way, and hinder both; it is the Work of thoſe that betrayed Us and our Liberties under the Late Reigns to hinder a Reformation in this all they can; therefore let none of them Repreſent you: if you would have a good and eaſie pair of Shoes, you will chuſe the beſt Workman you can; if you are Sick, you will have Advice of the moſt skilful Doctor; ſo now, while we have a *King* that is Hearty with us in this Great and Neceſſary Work engaged in againſt this *French Tyrant*, chuſe ſuch to Repreſent you as will be Courageous in this Great Work, and will go on Roundly in it; and by faithful Adviſing Him, make the Work as eaſie to Him and as ſpeedy as may be; chuſe not ſuch as have been old State Quacks, and tried Experiments upon you, and Robbed you of your *Treaſure* and *Liberties*, and which is worſt of all, of your *beſt Blood*, which is never to be recovered again: Chuſe ſuch as will ſerve you Heartily out of *Love to their Country* and *Good of the Publick*, without *Little Self-deſigning Ends* and *Tricks* of *Places* and *Preferments*; if you neglect this Opportunity, God knows whether ever you may have another: if it be not now done in this *King's* time, Your Attempts ever after may be in vain, and to as much purpoſe as giving *Aqua vitæ* to a Dead Man; if you do not the Work now, while we have ſuch Powerful Alleys, we cannot expect to do it when we are alone; but may juſtly expect to be pulled down our ſelves, as a Juſt Judgment of God upon us. You have Spectacles of this *Bear's* Clemency to His own Subjects with you; do you expect better Quarter from His *Apoſtolical Dragoons* then Born *French men*? do you believe *Father Peters* and the Reſt of His *Brethren* have more Tenderneſs for you than He had for them? do you believe the Devil is turned Saint ſince then? You can have nothing but Fire and Sword if that day comes; but the Lord give you Wiſdom to Act as Men, to prevent it; therefore take *Time* by the Forelock, that it may not be ſaid of *England*, *Poſt eſt Occaſio Calva*. A *Houſe of Commons*, rightly and wiſely Choſen, under ſuch a Wiſe and Valliant *King* as we now have, what Great Works may they not do in a little time; may not only break the Yoak of the *French Tyrant*, but alſo make His Dear Brother and Alley the *Great Turk* to pull in His Horns; this is a Brave and Honourable Work becoming the *Commons of England*.

But it may be Objected, *There is a Sort of a dead Weight of Spiritual and Temporal Wickedneſs in High Places in a few little Men, laden with a great deal of Sin and great Titles, and theſe will hinder the Good Work all they can.* Do but you take care of a Good *Houſe of Commons*, and then the other will purge of it ſelf; a Good *Houſe of Commons*, full of the Living Weight of Honour and Honeſty, that will weigh down all the Dead Weight of the other, and affright them into their two little Senſes; if the Head be good, and the Body ſound at Heart, its no matter whether there be a fine Laced Coat on, or a Feather in the Cap; keep the Fountain clean, and then the Streams will be ſweet and clean, for it is the *Commons* make the Good Lords, as the Clark makes the Juſtice; therefore Honeſt Brother Commoners, ſee you well to your Duty, and take this along with you, *You can never ſerve your God truly, if you will for private Gains and Ends be a Traytor to your Country*: Let him be Clothed with what Titles he pleaſes, and have a Cloak with what Badges of Honour can be given, yet it will not hide his Knavery, the Devil cannot hide his cloven Foot; and tho' an Ill Man be Cloathed like an Angel of Light, yet his Work will ſhew him to be a Child of Darkneſs, and a Son of Perdition; and his Words, tho' ſmooth as Oyl and Butter, yet will be diſcovered to be as drawn Swords.

When Kings took the Cream of the Milk, the beſt and choiceſt of the *Commons*, and conferred Titles of Honour on them, they became their Honour well, and made good *Lords*, and things went on well, and good Laws were made, when both Houſes ſtudyed the publick Good; but in the late Reigns, when the Scum of the Pot, the Dregs and Droſs of the *Commons* were advanced to Titles of Honour, as too many were, what can you expect from ſuch Creations of ſuch Creatures to ſuch Honours? Surely *Trim Tram*, like Maſter like Man; *when the Righteous beareth Rule, the People Rejoyce; but when the wicked beareth Rule, the People Mourn. Wo to that man, or that Nation, that ſhall call Good Evil and Evil Good; and that ſhall call Light Darkneſs, and Darkneſs Light.* All the Prieſts in the World ſhall never make me believe, that in the little Wafer of Bread, after the Prieſt hath in a few words conjured with a *Hocus Pocus* over it, that it contains the Real and whole Body and Blood of our Saviour Chriſt, as it was offered up upon the Croſs; no more than I will believe all the *Iriſh* Evidences in Swearing a Plot of the *Lords* and *Commons* to ſeiſe the Body of *King Charles* the Second at *Oxford*; nor no more will I believe thoſe will help to ſave us under this Reign, that helped to ruin us in the former; but that, (on the contrary) they will do all they can to embarras the preſent King's and Nation's Affairs, and make our Deliverance as difficult as they can; every Tree is known by its Fruit; I will ſee good Fruits of their Repentance before I will believe their Converſion is true, and that they are hearty in with us: *Men that are in Honour, and underſtand not, are like the Beaſts that periſh*; and *A Man that is in Honour for Betraying his Country, it becomes him exactly as well as Armour doth a Hogg on Horsback; or a Jewel in a Swine's Snout*: And here I will ſubjoyn the Speech of a Noble and Brave Lord, ſpoken in the *Lobby* of the *Houſe of Lords*, juſt after he came out of the Houſe, as I ſuppoſed, in a heat, and not well pleaſed at what was then debating in the Houſe, he ſpake to the purpoſe following, and as near as I can remem-

ber will give you his own words, I being then present; "*To God! we shall have such a House shortly, "that a man of Honour or Honesty will scorn to come "within their Walls; one is made a Lord for a Court "job, and another for Betraying his Country, and a "third for Ten Thousand Pound, and a fourth because "he is the Son of a whore; that shortly the honest "Mob will come and tear us all to pieces for being a "Company of Rogues: whereas formerly the Nobility "were the Honour of the Nation in screening the people "from Arbitrariness and Tyranny, and go forth in the "Heads of the People in fighting their Battles, and for "doing them Justice, when by other Courts they were "oppressed, whereas now they are for Suppressing and "Destroying the People & their Liberties.* It is the Honour I bear to this Noble Lord that makes me mention it, to show the World the Opinion of an Honest Lord, and to quicken you the Honest *Commoners* to cleanse your House, and then you may help your Neighbours to cleanse theirs. *How can you see the Moat that is in your Brother's Eye, and cannot see the Beam that is in your own Eye.*

Gentlemen, I Repine not at the Ruin of my self and Family in your Service, for your Sakes, and for the preserving of you; No, I am so far from it, that I bless God for it; and count it all Honour that I was born for your sakes, and for your service, and that God so wonderfully call'd me out in it in so critical an hour, and that he enabled me faithfully (I thank him for it) to discharge my Duty therein to you; and I am still ready with my Life to serve you, if that will do you good, if you will but be doing your Duties to help to serve and save your selves, now God has put an Opportunity into your Hands; but if you will not, you cannot say but you have had fair warning. I am at present in the midst of a people that will, I hope, do the part of honest and reasonable Men to keep and preserve their Liberties, and consider the dear Price their Forefathers paid for them: I know some of our Crack-brains call them *a sort of Thick-scull'd People*, *Dull*, and *Phlegmatick*; but they have shewed to the world they are a *brave thinking and wise People*; though but a little spot of Ground to the rest of the world, yet have not only in some measure, though hardly on all sides, envied and beset by the Tyrants of the Earth, preserved their Liberties, when our Generation madly parted with all theirs at once, which our Fathers but just before had so hardly struggled for. I wish it might not be said by other Nations of our Nation in this Generation, *that we are an Unthinking People*; and that (like the *French*) *Our Sculls are so thin that our Brains are Evaporated, and are become a Bedlam Land, rather than a wise and Sober People.* I say, these People have not only preserved with great Struglings good part of their Liberties, but procured us an Opportunity to have and keep ours, if we have but wisdom to see it. I thank God and Them for preserving my Life when sought for; therefore (as in gratitude bound) I will study their good and service with all the lents that are left me, and that God hath entrusted me with, to the utmost of my power, whilst I have a day to live. I find among these people a sense of the Evils and Mischiefs of the growing Power of *France* here; even the *Papists* themselves are sorry at the French's taking of *Monts*, all but such as are *Jesuited Papists*; whereas I hear in England you have a sort, who call themselves Protestants, that Rejoice in the taking of *Monts*; I cannot but believe they are *Jesuited Papists* in Masquerade, to be sure are no Friends to *King William* and *Queen Mary*, and the *Protestant Religion* and *Interest*, or the *general Liberty* and *Good of Mankind*: Have a strict and watchful Eye upon such men in your Choice of your Representatives; be sure oppose whom they are for. If two things were truly and honestly done, it would go a great way towards your speedy coming into good order of Settlement in Government; and that is, Impartially to have laid open the Cheats and Tricks of the *Lawyers* and *Gospellers*; for the latter of them I can lay my finger and point to a man that promised it on this side the Water; there are two of them that well understand it, and can do it to the life; but for one of them, I give him over, as being past hope of recovery to do any good thing, like as in another case a man said of himself, *when he was* Cardinal, *he had a little hope of his being saved; but when he was* Pope *he had none at all.* But for the other person, I have some little hopes that he is not past Grace, but hath some sparks yet left to serve his Country, and Mankind in general. For a man to display the Lawyer and his Tricks, that I leave amongst you to find out an honest man, that is willing and able to do it to the life. God grant it may not as truly be said of *England* in this day as our Saviour Christ said of *Jerusalem*, *O! that thou hadst seen the things that belong to thy Peace in this thy day, but now they are hid from thine Eyes.* Gentlemen, do but what is in your Power, and what is your Duty to do, required both by the Law of Nature and the Law of the Land; when you do that, you shall have Peace in your selves, though you miss of the Good you aimed at: When your *own House* is cleansed, you may impeach the Ill Men in the other; and until you do that, you cannot expect to do any Great Things: but on the contrary, while your Representatives should be doing their Duties in their places for the Nation, they make use of your Sholders to lift them up into an Office, whereby to make their own Houses Great, and yours Little, and care not if yours were burned, so they might but warm their hands by it: if you make not some of these Examples of your Justice, you must never expect to be well served, but on the contrary always betray'd; without a due Regulation be in these great Points, you will be always groping in the Dark, and never come to Light: *If the Blind lead the Blind, they must all fall into the Ditch at last*: and without speedy Care taken, you must fall into the Ditch the *French King*, the *Papists* and *Jesuits*, with the *Lawyers* and *Gos-*

pellers, and our old State Quacks, have made for you: if you effectually cleanse your two *Houses*, and lay a good Foundation, then you may hope the Superstructure will stand fast; but if you build upon a Sandy Foundation, that must be blown down in a Storm, and such a Storm as never yet the like was seen in the World, that I believe is near at hand; God grant it be not a *Hurricane* to poor *England*; the Clouds are very thick and dark; God give you Wisdom.

But methinks I hear some Object, and say, *The* Commons *of* England *are for a* Common-Wealth.

If by a *Common-Wealth* is meant a *Common Good*, that I dare say every honest man is for; but if by a *Common Wealth* is meant *a Government without a* King; that I do believe is not meant nor designed by any honest Man: But I do believe, that there are a sort of persons that do buz such things into the King's Ears, to make him jealous of his People, and thereby to disable him from doing any great things, and by that means serve the *Interest* of *France*, and may have good store of *Levvedores* for their pains: but I doubt not but the King will see through the Designs of this sort of men, that they are nothing but Shams and Lyes, done on purpose to abuse him, and to secure themselves from the Justice of the Nation. This farther I will boldly say, Those that buz these things in the Kings Ears, if any such be, they are the Kings greatest Enemies, and would Mislead the King to follow the Course of the last Reigns, on purpose to bring all into Confusion, knowing no other and better way to serve their dearly beloved *French King*, and themselves escape Vengeance. I doubt not but the King sees his true Interest, and will stick by those good Motives that induced him to hazard all to Rescue these Nations from Popery and Slavery; and the King is so wise a Man, that no old or new *treacherous corrupted Courtiers* shall ever make a *Division* and *Jealousie* between *him* and his *People*; it is that which they foment for their own Interests, but hope they shall never attain it: I dare be bold to answer for the honest People of *England*, they are willing to keep in their old State of *Kingly Government*, between a *Common Wealth*, and an *Absolute Government of Tyranny*: but the old *Troublers* of our *Israel* will prevent our Peace and good Settlement, if they can.

I know, in some forreign parts it hath been cast in the Teeth of the *English*; *That they are a Quarrelsome, Disquiet, and Troublesome People, and are never satisfied; but are almost every Age Quarrelling with their* Government, *falling out with their* Kings, *and no* King *can please them.*

For Answer, I dare affirm, that the plain honest People of *England* are as *Quiet* and as *Governable* a People, as any People in the World; but if in an Ill-designing King's Reign, he shall, with the Help of his *Flattering* and *Ill designing Courtiers* and *Evil Councellors*, with some pickt out of the Scum of the *Commons*, shall with them endeavour to undermine their *Liberties*, and invade their *Properties*, and by *Oppressing* some and *Destroying* others, by illegal Practices, then none can wonder if the *Commons* stir in defence of their *Religion*, *Lives* and *Liberties*, as was our Case under the late Reigns; and some evil men are so impudent already as to be nibling at the same sport again; but I hope the King sees it, and will hearken to the Voice of his *Commons*, and then things will go well; for it is the Strength of the Bodies and Purses of the *Commons* must do the *French* Business, and not a few flattering *Sycophants*, that were *against* his being *King*, and would now lift Him out of the Throne again, if the *Commons* did not stand by Him; those *false Flatterers*, with the help of the Jesuits Journeymen, are making way for the French King as fast as they can; they some of them above board make a Noise for King *James*, but in reality join with the Jesuits for King *Levves*; He that has but half an Eye may see it; and most of the Priests are at that lay now, that they care not if the *Devil were King*, for then they cannot miss of being his Priests and Favorites, and have Power from him to plague the rest of Mankind besides; Therefore, *Gentlemen*, when you have swept your House, order your Representatives to look among the Laws, and see where the *Jesuits* and *Priests* have had a Hand in making any of them; away with them, abrogate them out of Hand: and for my part, I am against any Bloody Laws barely for Religion; I am not for *Hanging, Drawing* and *Quartering* of a *Priest Cautious* as such, unless He disturb the Government; but I think it would be an excellent Law, *to Geld all Priests that busie themselves about Government and State Affairs*; it is the only way to tame them: if You do not some such thing, you must never expect to have Quiet. And some others also must feel your Justice in *Terrorem*; it seems to me, without it the Vengeance of God against the Nation cannot be appeased, nor any thing Prosper you undertake until that be done.

Gentlemen, was it not high time for the *Commons* to stir in this last Revolution, when all lay at the last gasp, brought to pass by the then Evil Ministers of State and Evil Councellors, with the Help of the Priests and Jesuits? The Kings themselves could never have carried on the Metaphor without such Tools. And do you think, if the same Hands are again used, they will not be for doing again the same things? Yea, and bring the Nation into a more Desperate Case than before, or they will miss of their aim. And will the Jesuits with their Partners and Journeymen, and their Friends in *England*, let go their Hold in *England*? No, not until their Fingers are chopped off; there is a way will break all their Measures, and that very quickly too, if you can but once hit on it; but Temporizing will never do the Work; the Plough will never do good Work, and go on cleverly, that is drawn by an Ox and an Ass; let one Plough be drawn all by one Sort, and another by another Sort, and see which makes best Work, and most riddance; a faithful, willing, diligent Servant will dispatch more in a Day, than he that is only an Eye-Servant will do in two; if you will do fine Work, you must use fine Tools; and if you will do Honest Work, you must imploy Honest Men.

Is it not a fine ſight (as I have ſeen) to have a Prieſt come into a Coffe-Houſe, & ſet himſelf at upper-end of the Table, & there to hold forth for an Hour or two together upon the Topicks of Politicks, & never a Word of God all the while, unleſs it be to ſtrengthen the Belief of his Aſſertion with a *God damn me*; and then come to inſtruct their Auditors, who they muſt chuſe for *Parliament Men*, and who for *Mayors* and *Sheriffs*, and who for *Aldermen* and *Common-Council-men*, and the like? And others that do it not ſo publickly, but come in leſſer Numbers to carry on the Metaphor, that are the *Plurality men*, and go to Taverns, and bowſe good Sack. A third Sort there are, that apply themſelves at *Goſſippings* and *Chriſtenings*, among the Women, to charge them, that they lay their Commands upon their Husbands to chuſe ſuch and ſuch, as may be *Drudges* and *Tools* to the *Devil* and the *Prieſt*.

It is plain to me, that many of the Prieſts in *England*, are the *Jeſuites Journey-men*, and carrying on their Work: when the Fox *Preaches*, then it is high time for the Geeſe and Hens to look to themſelves; and when the Prieſts *Preach* upon Topicks of Politicks, and make a noiſe of the *Church*, then it is high time for the *Commoners* to look to their *Rights* and *Privileges*, and to have a care of their Beef and Puddings, and their Cabbidge and Bacon: You ſee plain enough in the late *Revolution* what made the *Great men in the Church* make a noiſe, and cry out *Murder, Murder, Popery, Popery, Help, Help*, when their own Pudding came to be touched, *Magdalen-Colledge* ſeized, and the *Biſhop* of *London* turned out, and the reſt expected to follow after; then they began to make a Noiſe, but never before; when they could Domineer, and Lord it over the Bodies and Conſciences of the reſt of Mankind; and they could *Hang, Whip* and *Pillory, Ruin* and *Deſtroy* as many as they pleaſed, all was well with them: the Honeſt People of *England* made a Noiſe long before of *Popery* and *Slavery*, but the *Prieſts* ſaw it not, they felt it not; nay, by moſt of them it was accounted a *Plot of the Fanaticks againſt the Church, that did then but talk of Popery and Slavery*; they then could *hold the Clothes of St. Steven Colledge, and warm their hands at the Fire that burned his Bowels*, and Sing, *O be joyful*, to ſee him Quartered; but when the dear *Magdalen-Colledge*, their great *Goddeſs Diana* comes to be touched, then all the *Church* cries out, *Help, Help, Murder, Murder, Good* Prince of Orange *come help us; O! help, help*; but when that was done, they were quickly weary of him again; when their turn was ſerved, they were for ſending him back again; they only wanted to *have King* James *put into a Box, tied Hand and Foot, locked faſt up, and the Key in their keeping, and ſo to take him out to ſpeak at their pleaſure, and to put him in again at their pleaſure, when he had done their Work*: but the *Honeſt Lords* and *Commons* were there too cunning for the *Prieſts*; in ſetting up *King William* and *Queen Mary* to be *King* and *Queen*, and they declared *for the Birth-Right* and *Natural Liberty* of all Mankind, the *Liberty of Conſcience in the Worſhip of God*: Alas! here was all the Fat in the Fire preſently; the Prieſts could by no means in any Conſcience allow them to be their *King* and *Queen*; but a world of ſputter is by the *Scholaſticks* about *de facto* and *de jure*, and the World filled with a great deal of ſtuff, which would make a Reaſonable Man almoſt Sp---- but the *Papers* however may ſerve for an Honeſt Occaſion------- Doctor *Sancroft*, His Quandum *Grace* of *Canterbury*, I never heard he was troubled in Conſcience for having his Hand in Ruining of any Family, as mine amongſt others is one; and I do here challenge him to ſhew any *Reaſon* for it, either by the Law of God or the Land if he can by either make me Guilty, I will ſtill ſurrender my ſelf, and undergo the Puniſhment for all; (But only for my coming into *England* with the *Prince of Orange*) if *King James* come again,) that done by me may be Judged *High-Treaſon*: there is a Parcel at their Prayers Praying and Hoping for that Day; and ſaying, *O Good King* James, *help us*; *O moſt Chriſtian King, Good King* Lewis, *help us*; *O Good Prince of* Wales, *O pretty little Maſter, help us*; But Alas! they are buſie upon other Work, and cannot hear you; ſeeing you & the Church of *Rome* have caſt them off; they are ſetting up *another Church* between *Yours* and *Rome*, of which *Father Peters* is to be the Firſt Head; they ſay, *Their Church ſhall have no Pope nor Biſhops, as being a parcel of Saucy* Fellows, *that kick out and in* Kings *at their pleaſure*, when the Fathers of the Jeſuits do ſay, *it is a prerogative Royal that belongs peculiarly alone to their Order*; therefore Good Maſter *Doctor*, you may ſpare your pains, in calling upon thoſe Saints, and ſave your Breath to cool your Pottage, as I ſhall do mine with you, Mr. *Doctor*, at this time: But there are ſome others Your Partners, concerned in my Ruin, that I muſt talk to; but this being deſigned only for the Publick Good of my Country, I ſhall let thoſe *Gentlemen* alone untill a more fitting Seaſon, unleſs they Repent, and make Satisfaction; I know no Reaſon of my violent Proſecution; I declare in the Preſence of God and to all the World; unleſs it was that I would not be a *Tool to hang up my Honeſt Countrey-men*, and give them as a Sacrifice to *Popiſh* and *prieſtly Rage* and *Malice*.

But, *Gentlemen*, I am ſo far from Repining for being Ruined upon that account, that I had rather take my ſhare with Brave *Eſſex, Ruſſel, Sidney, Cornish*, and *Colledge*, in doing my Duty for my Countrey, and its Preſervation, or lie in the Duſt by the Honeſt *Cobler of Gloceſter*; much rather than to have Titles of Honour, and live in Pomp and State, obtained by my Perfidious and Treacherous Acts againſt my Countrey. *The Name of the Righteous is of everlaſting Remembrance, but the Name of the Wicked ſhall rot and periſh.*

Now

Now Gentlemen, seeing God has so wonderfully wrought out your *Deliverance*, and brought you out of Bondage, from a worse then *Egyptian Bondage* and *Slavery*; see to the keeping of your *just Bounds* of your *Liberties* and *Priviledges*, that no *Flattering Courtiers*, New or Old, or *evil Councellors* break over your Bounds; either keep your Mounds or give them all up into their Hands, that they may Eat you up at Pleasure, as Storks do Frogs; it has been my Turn to be Eaten up, and who of you that are Honest may be next, you know not; therefore prevent it for the future; let me and some others be a warning to you for your Good; but if such Beasts of Prey have such a Power that you cannot help it, nor there is no Remedy, but you must be Eaten up, then it matters not much who it is that does it; by the *Mahumetan Turk* rather than by the *Christian Turk*, by the *Mufty* rather than by the *Jesuit*, and by any of them rather than by a little *Court Paracide* or *evil Councellor*; I hope, *Gentlemen*, Your Wisdom will prevent either; you have now an *Honourable*, *Heroick* and *brave VVork* on your Hands to muzzel this great *French Bear*; set your selves right in order for the Work, and be Honest and Hearty to God, the King and the Country in it; if it be not well done, I will lay all the fault at your Door: I dare be bold, to say, *VVe have a* King *that is Hearty in it*; if any more false steps be taken, I shall lay it to your Charge, for your neglect in not speaking round out the Truth to the King; for I dare say for him, he will do His Part to remove all Obstacles that lye in the Way; and I am as confident that *Light* and *Darkness*, GOD and the *Devil* are as soon to be Reconciled as *Great King* William *of England*, and *Little* Lewis *of France*; therefore let not any little Interests of Ill Men mislead you to your Ruin, but be Plain and Honest with God, and the King, with the Nation, and Your Neighbours and Alleys in this Work, and let not tricking *Priests* or *Courtiers*, or the Noise of a Church mislead you. I could enlarge much more, but I am loath to tire your Patience, by coming into Particulars of past and present Miscarriages of Persons and Things, of their failings and falseness to God, their King and Countrey; but hope these general Heads will awaken you to your Duties, and deter others from persisting in their Evil Wayes; but if this will not do, my next shall not be in *Parables*, *Allegories* and *dark Sayings*, but shall speak out to you in plain Particulars, as *Nathan* did to *David*, if Men will not Repent, for the Day of Judgment is at Hand, and all the Books must be laid open, and every secret Thing must be made manifest; in the mean time be assured, I am and by Gods Grace alwaies shall be the Servant of all Honest men, and Yours in particular, whilst I am

IGNORAMUS.

From my Chamber in Philadelphia, *this* 24 *of the second Month, called April*, 1691.